



THE FAS LETTER

TO AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES AND OFFICERS

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"We have come to pay tribute to our own...."



THE LARGEST FAS/W group present to receive individual awards included those receiving the Certificate of Merit for Sustained Above Average Performance. A second scrutiny of your Awards Program, sent to all overseas employees by FAS Personnel, will reveal that a few recipients were absent in this group too!! Present were: Front row, left to right, Marjorie Scrivener, Lydia Will, Mary Keehan, Gerda M. Lyons, Amanda Halford, Pat Ogg; second row: Margaret Durand, Sabra Francis, Wanda Kollmorgen, Barbara Preston, Marjorie Campbell, Dale Farringer, Hermine Paglino, Evelyn Poindexter; third row: Peggy Lehto, Francene Murphy, Sally Cross, Eleanor Birely, Paul Astalos, Mary Goode, Dorothy Cook, Nero Johnson; fourth row: Elmer Winner, Elizabeth Johnson, Dorothy Brawner, Mary Clarkson, Jose Ricardo; fifth row: Jim Rudbeck, Larry Hall, Joseph Creekmore, Les Hurt, Dick Passig.



ATOP MOUNT KILIMANJARO are Attache Howard Akers and daughter, Mary, and son, Alan. The flowers encircling the hats are proof positive the climb was completed. Howard is attache at Nairobi.

JAPANESE CHERRY TREES BLOSSOM FOR FESTIVAL

Washington-bound FASers have just enjoyed the annual display of the Japanese cherry trees, which spread blossoms wide for the annual festival in Washington April 4 to 9.

Tourists and Washingtonians alike walked beneath the pink branches as early as April 1, and they continued the picturesque strolls through the next week-end. More than 150,000 parade watchers viewed the Cherry Blossom Festival Parade of Princesses. The Cherry Blossom Queen, Pamela Jean Rudden of New Jersey, was crowned on Saturday with a repeat performance on Sunday, April 9. The pageant had everything going for it: A record attendance, perfect weather, and for a change, cherry blossoms!



OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THEIR AWARDS are Wally Dudney, Les Stephen, and Tom Poerstel. Wally and Les each received a Certificate of Merit for Special Act or Service. Tom's award was a certificate of Merit for Excellence in Improved Communications and Services.

ALWAYS ALERT TO SERVICE REQUESTS for publications is the Information Service Branch headed by Helen Ryan O'Brien. The Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Improved Communications and Services to the Public was presented to the unit. They are, left to right, Yvette Byrd, Sally Turett, Ruth Hodges, Ed Cornick, and "Pat" O'Brien. The branch receives an estimated 150 requests for publications and/or information per day.





OLD ACQUAINTANCES SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN as Assistant Attaches Koy Neeley and Donna Hersey of The Hague demonstrate. They whipped across the border for a visit in Bonn with Assistant Attache Ken Murray and his wife, Barbara. Shown relaxing in the Murray home, left to right, are: Ken, Joan Bernitz, Koy, Barbara, Assistant Attache Alex Bernitz, and Donna.



ATTACHE WALLY ROWAN presents a certificate to Mr. Samuel Araya for completion of an ice cream short course at Pennsylvania State University. Others who received certificates were Messrs. Carlos Floh, Luis Sommers, Enzo Ferrario, ice cream manufacturers, and Mr. Antonio Diaz, director of the DSI market promotion program in Chile.



MAX MYERS, FORMER FAS ADMINISTRATOR, and Attache Fred Traeger visit Peru's principal port at Callao. Max stopped in Lima as he was returning from home leave to his post with the Ford Foundation in Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

HARRY BRYAN TAKES NEW FAS ASSIGNMENT

Assistant Attache Harry Bryan left Rawalpindi in late April for home leave, orientation and training before taking over his new assignment as agricultural attache at Guatemala City.

Carl Winberg is on TDY in Rawalpindi after three months at Bangkok as acting attache. Carl is with the Program Development Division, FAS/W.

LES WARMBRUN RETIRES

Les Warmbrun, chief, Program Analysis, Barter and Stockpiling, retired in March after 30 years of Government service.

Before joining the barter program, Les worked with CSS personnel and other Government agencies. He is remaining in the Washington area and currently plans to pursue his favorite hobbies.

FAS/IADS HOLD ANNUAL IN



THE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT for Sustained Above Average Performance went to four IADS employees. Beaming after accepting certificates from Administrator Les Brown, second from left, are Leonie Lequin, Sue Degn, Charlie Clendenen, and Margaret Condon. Charlie has recently joined the FAS Attache Service and is being groomed for an overseas assignment.

A UNIT AWARD for Sustained Above Average Performance went to the International Trade Fairs Division. Present for the awards ceremony were: Front row, Pat Ogg, Elizabeth Johnson, Rose Holman, and Nancy Fellows; back row, Bill Dobbins, Carroll Michelson, Jim Martin, Bob Mannion, and Henry Blicharz. Not pictured were Paul Findlen, Bob Francis, Ed Gorman, "Mac" McClarren, Duane Nelson, Kay Ockershausen, Jules Renaud, Bill Schaal, and Agness "Woodie" Wood.



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AL INCENTIVE AWARDS FETE

come to pay tribute to Mrs. Dorothy Jacobson, Secretary of Agriculture for Affairs, as she greeted the guests attending the 1967 Incentive Awards Ceremony April 18 in the Emerson Memorial Audi-

Secretary George L. FAS and IADS for immediate communications and opening up opportunities to the world.

in two categories: service, and quality. Employees honored for service have worked for the total of 1,310 years, or 3,825,200 hours, not count overtime! Mary Mehren repeated her pride and gratitude "one" by FAS and IADS

Assistant administrator, made the introductions. Assistant administrator, presents. Administrator Les IADS awards.

Club entertained the guests at an afternoon tea. The president, was in attendance.

Award recipients are in this issue. Names of all award winners are listed and mailed to each attaché in the Personnel Division.

Awards presented at At- June issue. If you have a letter to The FAS Letter, please send it at earliest convenience.



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT for Outstanding Performance Rating were accepted by Janette Peach, Mollie Iler, Alice Nelson, and Emily Stieff. Mollie, secretary to Administrator Les Brown, IADS, received her award for outstanding performance of duties as secretary to Attache Bob Tetro in Rome.

ACCEPTING AWARDS for 30 years of service with the Government were, left to right, Elmer B. Winner, L. Thelma Willahan, Dorothy Dutch, Loyd Adcock. Elmer is a former assistant attache in London. Loyd is a former attache in Ankara.



ASSISTANT ATTACHE GOES TO TEHRAN

JOHN RIESZ

John Riesz, newly appointed assistant attache to Tehran, will assist "Steve" Stephanides in shouldering the mounting responsibilities of the Iranian post. John went to Tehran from FAS/W where he had worked as agricultural economist, Livestock Division, for the past 3 1/2 years.

The Tehran staff is meeting increasing demands of the P.L. 480 program as well as developing markets for soybean and dairy products, wheat and tobacco.

John was accompanied to Tehran by his wife, June, and their three-year-old son, Mark.

TWO FROM SANTIAGO ATTACHE OFFICE are honored with length of service awards. Mr. Robert Dean, minister counselor and deputy chief of mission, Santiago, is shown presenting awards to employees who have given a total of 100 years service to the U.S. Government. Personnel from the office of Attache Waldo Rowan, who received awards were Mr. Rolando Guzman, agricultural advisor, third from left, and Mrs. Eliana Dominguez, agricultural assistant. Rolando received a 20 year award, and Eliana received a 10 year award.



DR. LOUIS MICHAEL DIES

FAS was saddened April 15 by the death of Dr. Louis Michael, a former agricultural attache. An expert on Russian agriculture, Dr. Michael was agricultural attache in Yugoslavia in the 1930s, State Department liaison officer for foreign countries from 1939 to 1943, and agricultural attache to Russia from 1943 to 1947.

FAS extends sympathy to his widow, Pauline, and his daughter, Mrs. Janet Schneider, and his son, Lt. Col. Louis G. Michael, Jr.

MUSTACHIOED ATTACHE Lee Paramore, Manila, and Russ Strobel, director, Dairy and Poultry Division, FAS/W, are shown as they visit at a Tokyo reception. Shown in the background between Lee and Russ is Lee Campbell, IAPI Washington representative. The reception took place during the March-April market development workshop in Tokyo.



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Administrator Ray Ioanes left FAS/W March 28 for Geneva to participate in agricultural trade negotiations of the Kennedy Round. He returned to Washington in time for budget hearings on The Hill only to take a return flight to Geneva. Don Rubel was acting administrator during Ray's absence.

Bhornchai Kunalai, marketing specialist in Bangkok, underwent his second surgery for a detached retina about two months ago. According to reports, his condition is good.



GO TO THE BEACH IN MARCH? Certainly. Maria, Paul, Poncho, and Jack Hobbes take time to enjoy the weather and the beach. Jack is attache at Santo Domingo.

Aimie and Howard Akers send a note of gratitude to FASers who were so helpful in January during their daughter's convalescence. Knocked down by a hit-and-run driver, Mary was hospitalized in Schenectady, N.Y., for three weeks with head injuries. Aimie went to New York to be with her daughter during the hospitalization. The Akers report a wonderful recovery for Mary who has returned to college.



THE TRADE PROJECTS DIVISION received a unit award for Sustained Above Average Performance. Pictured, left to right, are Eleanor Lee, Marilyn Meyers, Peggy Stant, John Glew, Keith Vice, Frank Brown, Jim Howard, Nell Williams, Dick Passig, Ed Bauer, "Brick" Rehling, Sherlene Duckett, Marie Taylor. Not pictured were John Brown, Elizabeth Carrico, Francis Harrell, Kenneth Howland, Patricia Knott, Frances Mancall, Diana Penrod, Harold Rabinowitz, and Lloyd Williams.

Not so, says Walt Stern, it wasn't skiing that tripped him up. Two days before Walt left Milan, he suffered torn leg ligaments from a freak fall. He appeared at FAS/W in April wearing a cast. Walt is on a new assignment as marketing specialist, Dairy and Poultry Division, FAS/W.

DR. PAUL G. MINNEMAN, attache in Bonn, is served by four pretty cowgirls as he samples one of the more than 400 specialty food products shown at the April 5-14 American Processed Food Exhibit in Frankfurt. The Jacobs Sisters, a singing group popular in Germany, added a bit of the Old West to the Trade Center show where products were exhibited by 72 U.S. firms.



EMBASSY WIVES HELP BUILD PLAYGROUND

Happiness is children, and happy children love a playground. Ambassador Lucius D. Battle and Attache Jim Hutchins accompanied their wives to the playground in the City of Health, U.A.R., which is being constructed under Mrs. Battle's sponsorship. Marguerite Hutchins was finance chairman of the project.

The American business community responded generously, and Jim, with the help of friends, obtained the trolley from the Cairo Transportation Authority.

Dave Hume, assistant administrator, Export Programs, was among the speakers at an April marketing workshop in Lincoln, Nebraska, and a May meeting of consumer editors in Washington. At both sessions, Dave discussed foreign market development along with its domestic implications.

An up-dated edition of the FAS publication "Terms Used in Agricultural Trade" has been distributed to all attache offices. Reviser was Harry Henderson, FMI, who originally compiled the book several years ago.

FAS PERSONNEL visit in front of U.S. Embassy at the Cairo Market Development Conference. Left to right, Ross LeRoy Packard, New Delhi; Bill Davis, Ankara; Hugh Robinson and Ken Krogh, FAS/W; Harry Bryan, Karachi; and John S. DeCourcy, Cairo.



CLIMBING A JUNGLE GYM, "driving" a trolley car, swinging from parallel bars and other such achievements are enjoyed in the City of Health, U.A.R., as the result of a new playground. Standing at the left of the trolley is Ambassador Lucius Battle. Mrs. Battle is on the trolley with the children, and Marguerite and Jim Hutchins stand at the right of the trolley.

Harwood McCoy arrived April 15 in Kinshasa, for her appointment as secretary to Attache Dick Schwartz. After working with Harwood for a week, Eleanor Armentrout, secretary, left Kinshasa en route to the States for home leave and reassignment.

Freda Weimer, secretary, left New Delhi in early April for home leave and return to her post. Top priority on Freda's agenda was a first-time visit with a young red headed grandson. Pinch hitting for Freda in Delhi is Marilyn Lawson, wife of a Foreign Service Officer.

Archie M. Bolster, son of Horace G. Bolster, retired agricultural attache, has been promoted to Class 4 in the Foreign Service. Since entering the Foreign Service in 1958, Archie has been stationed in Cambodia and Iran. He is now assigned to the Department of State as an analyst on Iranian affairs.